



City of Seattle

Seattle Police Department

December 14, 2012

Drone Watch
MuckRock News
Dept MR 1545
PO Box 55819
Boston, MA 02205-5819
1545-22557225@requests.muckrock.com

RE: Records Request under Chapter 42.56 RCW: Unmanned Aircraft Systems- Additional
Information Requested

Dear Drone Watch,

Enclosed please find the responsive records to your request for information concerning unmanned aircraft systems used by the Seattle Police Department.

Also included is our Public Disclosure Redaction Log, detailing what documents were withheld or redacted.

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Chief of Police
610 Fifth Avenue
PO Box 34986
Seattle, WA 98124-4986

Sincerely,

John Diaz
Chief of Police

Alyne R. Hansen
Supervisor
Public Request Unit

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Enclosures



Public Disclosure Redaction Log

Unmanned Aircraft PDR #2012- 3549

Records Redacted

Document Description	Exemption	Explanation
Draft Operation Manual 14 pages withheld	RCW 42.56.280	Record contains preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations and intra-agency memorandums in which opinions are expressed or policies formulated or recommended.

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Response to Public Disclosure Request prepared by:

Alyne R. Hansen
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Phone: (206) 684-5481

Omelandchuk, Reuben

From: Ellis, David J. [DJELLIS@spokanecounty.org]
Sent: Saturday, September 03, 2011 9:06 PM
To: Omelandchuk, Reuben
Cc: Knight, Daniel P.; Armstrong, Brandon
Subject: RE: Datron Scout

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Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 7:17 AM
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From: Ellis, David J. [DJELLIS@spokanecounty.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 6:24 PM
To: Omelanchuk, Reuben
Subject: RE: Datron Scout

Hi Reuben,

I will certainly do that.

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From: Omelanchuk, Reuben [mailto:Reuben.Omelanchuk@seattle.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2011 9:09 AM
To: Ellis, David J.
Cc: Knight, Daniel P.; Armstrong, Brandon
Subject: RE: Datron Scout

David... thanks for the update. We are kinda holding our breath here for FAA regs to be a little more reasonable. If you could keep me on a list to be updated I would greatly appreciate it.

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Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 6:38 PM
To: Omelandchuk, Reuben
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It sounds like the focus might be only on vision, so the final draft might end up looking like that. Hopefully they can pass that, and be able to continue to participate with your program.

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Well that is kinda like the rumor I heard, and I will most certainly keep it under wraps. The main reason why I ask is because a couple guys that we were banking on passing the physical didn't and were hoping that the loosening of the rules would allow them to participate. I will certainly stand by and hope for the change to occur sooner than later.

Thanks again for the "down low" info.

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Officer Omelanchuk
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From: Omelanchuk, Reuben
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To: hornbuckle.j@portseattle.org
Subject: FW: Datron Scout UAS Demonstration

Hello Commander,

Jeff is out of the office & his automatic reply happens to have your name as a contact. In his absence you may be interested in attending this demonstration.

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Sergeant
King County Air Support Unit

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Omelanchuk, Reuben

From: Linde, Peter J [Peter.Linde@kingcounty.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2011 2:30 PM
To: Omelanchuk, Reuben
Subject: RE: Datron Scout UAS Demonstration

He is out but will be back on the 24th

-----Original message-----

From: "Omelanchuk, Reuben" <Reuben.Omelanchuk@seattle.gov>
To: "Linde, Peter J" <Peter.Linde@kingcounty.gov>
Sent: Thu, Oct 20, 2011 21:02:33 GMT+00:00
Subject: RE: Datron Scout UAS Demonstration

I think I got an out of office reply earlier today. I don't think he'll make it.

Thank you,
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From: Linde, Peter J [mailto:Peter.Linde@kingcounty.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2011 10:53 AM
To: Omelanchuk, Reuben
Cc: Mendel, Rob
Subject: RE: Datron Scout UAS Demonstration

I can't attend as that is a furlough day for me. Perhaps Capt. Mendel can.

From: Omelanchuk, Reuben [mailto:Reuben.Omelanchuk@seattle.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2011 7:54 AM
To: Omelanchuk, Reuben
Cc: Zeigler, George
Subject: Datron Scout UAS Demonstration

Hello,

Your department is being invited to attend a demonstration of a UAS and its particular capabilities for Law Enforcement use. If you are not able to attend I would appreciate this invitation being passed to any of your colleagues who may be interested and available. This is an informal demonstration and there will be time for questions to be answered before and after the demonstration.

Who: Datron World Communications - Scout Air Reconnaissance System

What: The Datron Scout Air Reconnaissance System is a small, rugged and lightweight unmanned Micro Air Vehicle designed to capture and transmit high quality video and images in the field. The Scout's mobility as a vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) vehicle affords it the ability to silently hover and stare at any point of interest, without the need for a fixed launch or landing platform. A robust design coupled with snap together assembly makes the Scout a perfect fit for missions in a broad range of environments where measuring time in seconds will matter.
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Omelanchuk, Reuben

From: Ellis, David J. [DJELLIS@spokanecounty.org]
Sent: Saturday, September 03, 2011 9:06 PM
To: Omelanchuk, Reuben
Cc: Knight, Daniel P.; Armstrong, Brandon
Subject: RE: Datron Scout

Hi Reuben,

Thanks for the invite last month, we really appreciated it.

We would be happy to have you come over and check out the Scout. I think it will probably be a few months still before our training is complete, but will contact you as we get closer to being operational.

Also, as part of the NIJ TWG board, I have just recently reviewed the proposed FAA UAS standards. I am not able to release them yet, but I can tell you it looks promising and much more user/LE friendly. I don't think it is perfect, but it is dramatically better than what we operate under now.

Hope things are going well,

Dave

From: Omelanchuk, Reuben [mailto:Reuben.Omelanchuk@seattle.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 7:17 AM
To: 'DJELLIS@spokanecounty.org'
Subject: Datron Scout

David!

Thanks again for coming over last month for the demonstration. I hope you came away with good information.

I was talking with Datron and they mentioned that you guys are going to be getting your hands on a Scout for some period of time, or something like that. I saw the unit in person but did not see it fly. Do you think we (SPD) could coordinate a day to visit your location and see the darn thing fly?

Thank you,
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